

**NAYS**—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Hart, Parker and Scott—5.

A bill setting apart and reserving two leagues of land around each military post on the frontier, for the present use and occupancy of the United States troops; read.

Mr. Taylor offered the following amendment:

“Provided, that it does not conflict with any legal location already made.”

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, January 22, 1852.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Meusebach presented the petition of sundry citizens of Bexar county, praying the passage of a law to suppress gaming; referred to the committee on the Judiciary;

Mr. Eddy presented the petition of the citizens of Jasper county, asking for an act incorporating Red River, Sabine and Galveston Railroad and Navigation Company; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Reaves, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed, to wit:

A bill to facilitate the operations of persons engaged in the United States Coast Survey in the State of Texas;

A bill for the relief of John Conner, a Delaware Chief;

A bill for the relief of Samuel B. Brigham, administrator of Asa Brigham, deceased; and

A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Norman, deceased.

Mr. Eddy presented the petition of the citizens of Sabine county, asking a change of county line;

Mr. Eddy, also, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Jasper county, asking a change of county line, which were referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Taylor made the following report:

Your committee on Private Land Claims have considered the petitions of John N. Sowell and John Harwell. It appears from the facts in these cases, that the petitioners were entitled to headright certificates, and applied to the County Court of

Gonzales county, in the year 1845, and the said court issued to them unconditional certificates for the amount of lands to which they were entitled. The county courts at that time were not authorized to issue such certificates. The petitioners now pray the Legislature to make valid said certificates, as though they have been legally issued. Your committee can see no good reason why petitioners should not be relieved. They, therefore, report a bill for their relief and recommend its passage; all of which is submitted.

A bill to legalize certain headright certificates issued by the county court of Gonzales county; read first time.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, reported back to the Senate a bill to provide for the erection of the State Capitol, and joint resolution to amend the third section of the fourth article of the constitution, and recommended their passage.

Mr. Taylor made the following report:

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief Michael Pevitoe, jr., and Michael J. Brake, have considered the same, and find that the persons named in this bill were in the battle of San Jacinto, and were entitled by law to 640 acres of land, which land, it appears, they have never received. The committee, therefore, have instructed me to report the bill back without amendment and recommend its passage.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the city of LaVaca; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Day, a bill for the relief of P. H. Pearson was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of this State, according to the requirements of the constitution, read.

The amendment offered by Mr. Kinney to strike out Starr and Refugio counties from 29th article, was rejected.

Mr. Bogart offered the following amendments:

Amend third section by striking out "four" in the 24th representative district, and inserting "three;"

In 23d district, strike out "Anderson" and insert "Rusk;"

In the 21st district, insert "two;" rejected by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Dancy, Doane, Ford, Hill, Meusebach and Parker—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Davis, Day, Duggan, Eddy, Grimes, Hart, Merriman, Reaves, Scott, Taylor, Truit, Williams and Wilson—15.

Mr. Day offered the following amendment:

Amend the 50th representative district by adding after "Burleson," the word "and Washington;" rejected.

Mr. Gray offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting in 1st section, 2d line, after the words "entitled to," the words "and elect."

In No. 1, strike out "shall elect one Senator" and strike out the words "one Senator," wherever they occur in the 1st section; adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill setting apart and reserving two leagues of land around each military post on the frontier for the present use and occupancy of the United States troops, read.

The amendment offered by Mr. Taylor on yesterday was adopted.

Mr. Dancy offered the following amendment:

In section 2d, add before "provided," the words "or until the Legislature shall otherwise direct;" adopted.

Mr. Meusebach offered the following amendment:

"And further provided, that such location and survey shall not be made within the limits of the colony grant of the German Emigration Company;" adopted.

Mr. Gray offered the following amendment:

Add to 2d section, "and such land shall not be subject to location, but shall remain subject to further disposition by the State;" adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bogart, Davis, Doane, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Hill, Merriman, Meusebach, Reaves, Sterne, Taylor, Williams and Wilson—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Bigelow, Burks, Dancy, Day, Duggan, Eddy, Ford, Parker, Scott and Truit—10.

Mr. Dancy, by leave, introduced a bill to provide for the construction of railroads in Texas; read first time.

A bill to establish a system of common schools, made the special order of the day for Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Day, a bill requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for four leagues of the school lands of Washington county, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill for the relief of James H. Neely, read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wilson, amended by striking out the 2d section; the bill was then rejected.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the vote just taken was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the bill was amended by striking out that portion relating to his pay.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Davis, a bill to incorporate the Aransas and Goliad Road Company was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned until three o'clock p. m.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Reaves moved that the Secretary be authorized to employ an assistant to the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks of the Senate, when necessary, to be paid out of the contingent fund; carried.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of a law providing for the payment of Capt. William K. Elliott's company of Texas mounted volunteers, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

A bill to create the county of Burnet;

A bill to relinquish the right of the State to certain lands therein named;

A bill to create the county of Orange, and

A bill concerning irrigation property—were severally read a first time.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Norman, deceased; read third time and passed.

A bill granting two leagues of land to the Chapel Hill College in Titus county; read.

Mr. Grimes offered the following amendment as an additional section:

"SEC. That the Austin College, Montgomery Academy, the Anderson Male and Female Institute, the Guadalupe High School Association at Seguin, the Georgetown Academy, the Masonic Institute at Marshall, Harrison county, the Galveston

College, the Trinity College, and the Austin Male Academy, be entitled to the benefits of this act."

Mr. Day offered the following amendment:

"That two leagues of land be also granted to the Chappel Hill College at Chappell Hill, in the county of Washington; and also two leagues of land to the Masonic Academy at Washington in the county of Washington."

Mr. Parker offered the following amendment:

"Also two leagues to the Academy at Palestine in the county of Anderson; two leagues to the Academy at the town of Crockett in the county of Houston, and two leagues to the Academy at the town of Rusk in the county of Cherokee."

On motion of Mr. Hart, the bill and amendments were referred to the committee on Education.

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Goliad;

A bill for the relief of Samuel B. Brigham, administrator of Asa Brigham, deceased;

A bill for the relief of John Conner, a Delaware Chief;

And a bill to facilitate the operations of persons engaged in the United States Coast Survey, in the State of Texas, were severally read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY, January 23, 1852.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present—the journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

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Mr. Taylor made the following report:

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To the Hon. J. W. HENDERSON,

*President of the Senate:*

The committee on Private Land Claims have considered a bill